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Tuesday Evening, April 13.

## AN EARNEST PROTEST.

The Fire-brand that Dis-  
turbed the House on  
Saturday.

In order to set the matter fully and fairly before our readers we print below, in full, the calm, dignified protest presented by the Republicans, members of the House last Saturday. It gives, briefly but succinctly, the history of the long series of outrages committed upon the rights of the minority by Speaker Haines, aided by the majority—Democrats and Independents. The effort on Saturday to prevent the spreading of the protest upon the journal of the House was not renewed yesterday, the Democrats evidently discovering that they had made a grave blunder, and so they let themselves down, by presenting counter protest, both of which were entered upon the journal yesterday:

### House of Representatives.

March 24, 1875.

The undersigned members of the House of Representatives of the Twenty-ninth General Assembly, beg leave to place upon record our solemn protest against the action of the House and Speaker Cheever on Tuesday, March 23, in permitting Senate bill 61, "A bill for an act to repeal an act entitled 'An Act for the registry of electors and to prevent fraudulent voting,'" approved and in force Feb. 15, 1864, and amended March 27, 1874, to be taken up out of its order, and advanced to a third reading without suspension of the rules of the House, and against the open, clearly expressed, and well understood objection of Mr. Crawford, of Winnebago, and at least twenty other members of the minority of the House!

The rules of the House constitute the charter or fundamental law for the government of the House, and are especially designed to protect the rights of the minority of the House for a majority can, of course, protect itself without rules.

The rules of the house are the constitution of the House, and should no more be disregarded or annulled by the Speaker, by the majority, or by the individual member, than the Constitution of the State should be disregarded or annulled by the Governor, the majority of the people, or by the individual citizen.

A deliberative body without rules which are strict and impartially enforced is like a State without a constitution; the rights of the individual and of the minority are subject to every caprice of the presiding officer, and to every changing whim of the majority, and mere brute force may, unchecked, perpetrate any outrage its passion may suggest.

Neither States nor deliberative assemblies can exist for good, or command the respect of good men, unless they observe their own fundamental law, and protect the rights of minorities.

The rulings of the House prescribe the following as the regular order of business, viz:

1. The reading of the journal.
2. Petitions.
3. Reports from standing committees.
4. Reports from select committees.
5. Unfinished business on the Speaker's desk.
6. Introduction of bills.
7. House bills on first reading.
8. House bills on second reading.
9. Consideration of bills by sections.
10. House bills on third reading.
11. Senate bills on first reading.
12. Senate bills on second reading.
13. Senate bills on third reading.
14. Senate measures other than bills.
15. Resolutions.

Provided, however, that after the reading of the journal each day the House shall proceed with the regular orders, commencing in the order upon which it was engaged at the time of the adjournment on the preceding day, first disposing of the particular business of the order which may have been pending at adjournment, and as soon as the regular orders have been thus called through, the call shall be resumed, commencing with the first order and proceeding in the same manner.

Rule 63 is as follows: "No rule shall be dispensed with unless by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present, except as otherwise provided for, nor shall any rule be rescinded or changed without one day's notice being given of the motion thereof, but a new rule, not in conflict with existing rules, may be adopted after such notice, by a majority vote."

Under these rules it is evident that the minority have a right to rely on this fact, viz: that when the House is engaged on any particular item of business specified in rule 10, it will not, and cannot, drop that item of business before it has completed everything in that item, and proceed to the consideration of any other item if there be objections, unless the order of business as specified in rule 10 shall first be dispensed with by a two-thirds vote, as provided in rule 63; and also, that after any particular item of business has

been fully completed, the House will proceed directly to the next item of business in order, as set forth in rule 10, unless dispensed with by two-thirds as aforesaid.

Now, on Tuesday, March 23, the House being engaged on item 11 of the above order of business: "Senate bills on first reading," a member of the majority asked leave to take up the above-mentioned Senate bill, which belonged in item 9 of the order of business, viz: "Consideration of bills by sections." Several members of the minority asked the member to state the title of the bill which he desired to call up. This member avoided giving the title of the bill, but in reply to the questions asked him as to the title, merely gave the number of the bill.

Thereupon, the member from Winnebago, Mr. Crawford, arose in his place on the floor of the House, addressed the Speaker, a member of the majority, and distinctly stated, in a voice loud enough to be heard in every part of the House, that he objected to the bill being taken up out of its order. Similar objections were immediately and distinctly made by at least twenty members of the minority, all of which objections were both heard and understood by the Speaker and by the members constituting the majority, whereupon the Speaker directed the Clerk to read the title of the bill; which the clerk proceeded to do; Mr. Crawford still standing expressing his objection, in which he was again joined by numerous members of the minority. But notwithstanding these repeated objections, as soon as the title of the bill was read, and while Mr. Crawford was on the floor addressing the Speaker and reiterating his objections to taking up the bill out of its order, the Speaker directed the clerk to read the first section of the bill, knowing that there was but one section in the bill; and while the Clerk was reading the section the Speaker replied to Mr. Crawford that he had no doubt the Chair was in error, and not believing the error was intentional or that it would be repeated, he would vote aye to sustain the Chair. But the "live branch" thus offered by the minority was contemptuously hushed aside, and in a few days similar resolution for the election of more officers named in the resolution was introduced by a member of the majority, and a vote by yeas and nays taken upon these resolutions separately. When the fourth resolution, concerning the President, for the use of the military forces of the United States in Louisiana, was voted on, the Speaker announced the result as being 73 for 67 against, and that the resolution was carried.

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